

The wave—for 10-16 year olds on Sunday morning held in the tower for Bible study and life application

Children's Church—for 4-10 year olds on Sunday morning held in the welcome centre for adventure and exploring the Bible

Crèche - for 0-4 year olds on Sunday morning in the lounge for play. Parents are welcome to use this space and the space at the back of church for their children if needed.



At the back of church is a collection of crafts and CDS from Burma. You will remember that wonderful Palm Sunday service when we welcomed David and Mary Bolster. Mary is supporting some very poor Christians in Burma and she would be most grateful if you could consider purchasing some of the items

This week

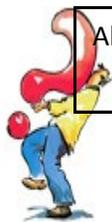
Wednesday 9.30 Parent and Toddler Group Prayer and Praise @ the Vicarage 7.30p.m.

Thursday 9.45 Holy Communion followed by lunch club

6-9p.m. Assist AGM at Wilson Carlile College, 50, Cavendish Street. Lifts available please ask Philip.

looking ahead.....

Next visit to Rosebank and Jasmine Court nursing homes on afternoon of Monday 29th October



Alpha continues on Wednesday evening at 7pm in church, starting with a meal followed by talk on prayer and discussion.

Alpha

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANTHONY, OUR YOUTH WORKER WHO RECEIVES HIS YOUTH MINISTRIES DEGREE ON TUESDAY IN NOTTINGHAM



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Christ Church Pitsmoor

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Christian community for all nations

Welcome to Christ Church

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Thursday evening saw great rejoicing as Bishop Steven blessed the Chocolate Box house. The house has been a long time coming to fruition, starting with a vision from Vanessa and brought to fulfilment by Jill and the team. Well done everyone and let's all pray that God's richest blessing will be everyone who finds their home in God at the house.

Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it

Bishop of Sheffield addresses Synod in Rome

The Bishop of Sheffield, Dr Steven Croft, addressed the Synod of Bishops in Rome called by Pope Benedict XVI this week and commended new ways of being church as a way towards reconnecting church and people across the world. Dr Croft, who is representing the Archbishop of Canterbury at the event, drew on his wide experience as initiator of the fresh expressions initiative (www.freshexpressions.org.uk) in his previous job as Archbishops' Missioner and leader of the fresh expressions team. Dr Croft said today: "Six of the fraternal delegates had the opportunity to speak. I was in good company with Metropolitan Hilarion from Moscow, Father Massis Zobouian from the Armenian Church, Bishop Sarah Davis of the World Methodist Council, the Revd. Dr. Timothy George of the Baptist World Alliance and Bishop Siluan from the Romanian Orthodox Church." He added: "His Holiness, Pope Benedict was present in the Synod which was an honour for all the delegates who spoke."

Dr Croft began his address by reminding delegates of the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury who urged the Synod last week to reflect on the importance of contemplation en route to evangelisation. The Bishop believed that discipleship in the 21st century involved the formation of new Christian communities for the transmission of faith to those who are no longer part of any church. He told the Synod: "For the last ten years, the Church of England has actively encouraged a new movement of mission, [called] fresh expressions of church, as a natural part of the ministry of parishes or groups of parishes or dioceses." Fresh expressions, the Bishop explained, "aim to connect with the sections of society the parishes are no longer reaching. They are formed by a process of careful double listening to the culture of a particular group and to the Holy Spirit". The Bishop also outlined to the Synod that fresh expressions require particular gifts on the part of those called to energise them in faith: "This process of going and listening and serving and forming new communities requires particular gifts. In the Church of England we have named this cluster of gifts 'pioneer ministry'. We have recognized pioneer ministry as a focus of both lay and ordained ministry in our Church."

Volunteers needed

We need some more people to help with Refreshments — are you able to help?? If so please talk to Frances Ireson or email Maureen at office @ christchurchpitsmoor.com

Invitation: Open house at Hannah's ;

46 Shirecliffe Lane, Sunday 21st October 4 - 6.30pm. Drop in for half an hour or the whole time for birthday tea and cakes. All welcome.



Thank you everyone for all your cards, presents and best wishes as I enter my seventh decade. We had a memorable family gathering at the Vicarage with my brother and sister and their families. The small children particularly loved the big rooms and the dressing up box. The girls managed to find a bridesmaid outfit from our wedding 34 years ago! It felt good to have the vicarage ringing with laughter. Philip

In brief: We enjoyed a lovely church walk around Broomhead and Ewden reservoirs yesterday with superb autumn colours and warm sunshine.

The standing Committee (Huw, Howard, Lionel and Mary) met on Tuesday evening to begin to look at proposals to strengthen our relationship with St. Peter's.

Alpha evening 3 went well on Wednesday. We looked at "Why did Jesus die?". Food was provided Ukrainian style by Ange—many thanks!

Hannah and myself are going with teacher Rachel and her Y4 class from Pye Bank to see the Secret Garden at Montgomery Hall on Thursday.

Please pray for a number of folk who are undergoing chemo or radio-therapy at present